

KEYNOTE—May the Korea Movement mean as much for the spiritual uplift of the Church in America as it means for the financial uplift of the Church in Korea.

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KOREA—TEN OUTSTANDING FACTS.

The Korea Quarter-Centennial Commission calls the attention of the Church to the remarkable history of our Mission in Korea and the timeliness of the Movement to place our Mission Stations in that country on the basis of immediate efficiency. The following ten outstanding and compelling facts indicate the urgency.

FACT ONE. Korea is to-day one of the very ripest of our mission fields. A national mass movement into the Faith is under way and, if taken advantage of, promises to result in the speedy evangelization of the people. The total Christian population in Korea in 1910 was approximately two hundred and fifty thousand, being an average of more than one convert an hour for every hour of the day and night since the first missionary set foot on Korean soil twenty-five years ago.

FACT TWO. Korea has passed through a remarkable revival resulting in a wonderful deepening of the spiritual life of the Church. Following this revival the Christians during 1910 conducted a great evangelistic campaign which carried the gospel message to a million Koreans and brought thousands of converts into living relationship with our Saviour.

FACT THREE. During the month of October, 1910, a determined effort was made to capture Seoul, the capital, a city of 200,000, for Christ. The city was divided into fourteen parishes and a band of fifty volunteer workers in each one of these parishes visited every house, once a day for six days in succession, talking with the people and inviting them to come to Christ. Every

theater and public hall was hired for the entire month, thus securing a monopoly of the public meeting facilities of the city. A column a day in each one of the six daily newspapers was secured and filled with information about our Lord and His Kingdom. As a result of this work during the first two weeks of October 7,000 residents of Seoul gave in their names as desirous of becoming followers of our Lord.

FACT FOUR. It is proposed to follow this campaign with a thorough canvass of the provinces, strong teams of workers spending two weeks simultaneously in each of the thirteen provincial capitals. This will be followed by the simultaneous campaign in each of the 330 county seats, through which bands of workers will spread into all the remaining towns and hamlets of the country, thus by a concerted effort reaching every Korean home in the peninsula.

FACT FIVE. By agreements with other missions Methodism has now become directly responsible for the evangelization of territory in Korea containing more than three million people, a number almost equal to the entire membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. In this vast parish we now have, including physicians and educators, twenty men at work, being one foreign missionary for 150,000 of the population, which would be equivalent to locating one Christian leader in a city the size of Denver, Colorado.

FACT SIX. Within the short period of twenty-five years our Church in Korea has grown to a total of over sixty thousand members and probationers. Stations where foreign missionaries reside have been opened at six important

centers. An Annual Conference has been organized with thirty-four ministerial members and twenty-one probationers and the Conference includes seven Districts with over four hundred organized congregations and more than one thousand preaching places. The Quarter-Centennial year was signalized by the first appointment to the District Superintendency of a Korean minister and the sending of a Korean missionary, supported by the Korean Churches, to work among the Koreans in China.

FACT SEVEN. In the educational work maintained by our Church in Korea there are 172 schools with 6,083 pupils in attendance. There are 183 theological students receiving systematic training and in connection with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society there are schools for the training of Bible women and nurses, and for the education of the blind and of deaf-mutes.

FACT EIGHT. During the past year 30,000 sick and afflicted persons have been cared for by our physicians. Since the opening of our Mission over five hundred thousand patients have been treated in our hospitals. It is planned to erect new hospitals at five of our interior mission stations. A sum of \$50,000 will erect all these hospitals and will insure Christian medical relief to an average of at least fifty thousand Koreans annually for the next thirty years. There are men in Methodism who could give this \$50,000 and thus be instrumental in not only relieving annually the pain and suffering of a population equal to that of a large city, but be the means of bringing multiplied thousands of souls out of darkness into the light of our Lord.

FACT NINE. In order to meet the present emergency and provide for the imperatively necessary equipment, the Mission calls for a reinforcement of twenty-three new men and for funds to erect buildings for school, medical, evangelistic, and residential purposes. Of the ripeness of Korea for evangelization and the timeliness of movements looking to the placing of all Mission Stations there on the basis of full efficiency competent observers like Dr. John R. Mott, Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, Hon. William J. Bryan, Mr. John B. Sleman, founder of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and Dr. J. F. Goncher, with many others, have borne full and convincing testimony.

FACT TEN. By formal action of the General Conference, the Board of Bishops, the General Committee, and the Board of Foreign Missions, the Church celebrates in 1910-11 the Quarter-Centennial of the founding of the Mission. The Korea Quarter-Centennial Movement therefore has full official endorsement. The Korea Commission, approved by the Board of Foreign Missions, now issues a call to the Churches to contribute the sum of \$300,000 additional to their regular offering for Foreign Missions, for the purpose of sending an adequate number of missionaries to gather in the harvest thus providentially before us, of placing our school and hospital work on the basis of efficiency and providing houses in which our missionaries may live.

It is thought that this can be done by finding 100 gifts of \$1,000 each; 1,000 gifts of \$100 each, and 2,000 gifts of \$50 each, from individual donors or churches. Larger or smaller gifts will be most gratefully received, but it is desired that

the canvass shall be so conducted that it will not divert money from the regular collection of the Board.

Send all contributions to Homer Eaton, Treasurer, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, as a special gift for the Korea Quarter-Centennial Fund. Proper vouchers will be furnished the pastors for all amounts thus forwarded. For further information address the secretaries.

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